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### **CEQA Initial Study - Environmental Checklist Form (Based on the State CEQA Guidelines, Appendix G Rev. 10/04)**

1. Title; Project Number(s); Environmental Log Number:

Emery Road Realignment Project

2. Lead agency name and address:  
County of San Diego, Department of Public Works  
5469 Kearny Villa Road, Suite 305  
San Diego, CA 92123

3. a. Contact: Lorrie Bradley, Environmental Planner  
b. Phone number: (858) 874-4055  
c. E-mail: Lorrie.Bradley@sdcounty.ca.gov.

4. Project location:

The project is located on Emery Road, approximately 0.75 mile northeast of the Tecate international border crossing.

Thomas Brothers Coordinates: Page 429, Grid L-10

5. Project Applicant name and address:

County of San Diego, Department of Public Works  
Capital Improvement Project Development  
5555 Overland Drive, M.S. 0340  
San Diego, CA 92123

6. General Plan Designation  
Community Plan: Mountain Empire  
Land Use Designation: N/A  
Density: N/A

7. Zoning  
Use Regulation: N/A  
Minimum Lot Size: N/A  
Special Area Regulation: N/A

8. Description of project

The proposed project is the realignment of approximately 0.14 mile of Emery Road, a two lane road, to eliminate a sharp blind curve and provide sufficient sight distance. In its current state, Emery Road is a dirt road approximately 20 feet wide within a 40 foot right of way. The realigned portion of the road will be constructed to be 40 feet within a 60 foot right of way with four inches of asphaltic concrete.

The project also includes replacement two degraded corrugated metal pipe (CMP) culverts (18" and 36") with reinforce concrete pipe (RCP) culverts (24" and 36") in the same locations as the existing CMPs. The 24 inch culvert will extend approximately 90 feet and the 36 inch culvert will extend approximately 83 feet.

Mitigation for project impacts to vegetation communities will consist of deduction of habitat credits from the County's Rancho San Diego Mitigation Bank. Mitigation for impacts to non-wetland waters and streambed will consist of removal of the existing road and recontouring it to become part of the channel.

Native top soil from the project will be stockpiled and used where appropriate in order to retain the native seed bank onsite.

9. Surrounding land uses and setting:

Surrounding land uses include a mixture of rural residential, active and fallow agriculture and commercial uses. Several parcels adjacent to the project area appear to be used by trucking firms to haul goods across the U.S./Mexico border station at Tecate. Another parcel to the southeast contains a borrow operation. The topography of the project site and surrounding land varies. The site is located within two miles of Highway 94 and within approximately 0.75 mile of the Tecate International Border Crossing.

10. Other public agencies whose approval is required (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement):

<b><u>Permit Type/Action</u></b>	<b><u>Agency</u></b>
Habitat Loss Permit	County of San Diego
401 Permit - Water Quality Certification	Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB)
404 Permit – Dredge and Fill	US Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE)
1603 – Streambed Alteration Agreement	CA Department of Fish and Game (CDFG)
Section 7 - Consultation or Section 10a Permit – Incidental Take	US Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS)
General Construction Storm water Permit	RWQCB

**ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:** The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project and involve at least one impact that is a “Potentially Significant Impact” or a “Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated,” as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Aesthetics</a>                      | <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Agricultural Resources</a>             | <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Air Quality</a>              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Biological Resources</a> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Cultural Resources</a>      | <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Geology &amp; Soils</a>      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Hazards &amp; Haz. Materials</a>    | <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Hydrology &amp; Water Quality</a>      | <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Land Use &amp; Planning</a>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Mineral Resources</a>               | <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Noise</a>                              | <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Population &amp; Housing</a> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Public Services</a>                 | <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Recreation</a>                         | <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Transportation/Traffic</a>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Utilities &amp; Service Systems</a> | <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Mandatory Findings of Significance</a> |   |

**DETERMINATION:** (To be completed by the Lead Agency)  
On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- ☐ On the basis of this Initial Study, the Department of Planning and Land Use finds that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- ☒ On the basis of this Initial Study, the Department of Planning and Land Use finds that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- ☐ On the basis of this Initial Study, the Department of Planning and Land Use finds that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.

  
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Signature

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May 15, 2009  
Date

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Lorrie Bradley  
Printed Name

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Land Use/Environmental Planner  
Title

## **INSTRUCTIONS ON EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS**

1. A brief explanation is required for all answers except “No Impact” answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A “No Impact” answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A “No Impact” answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project-specific screening analysis).
2. All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
3. Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated, or less than significant. “Potentially Significant Impact” is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more “Potentially Significant Impact” entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
4. “Less than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated” applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from “Potentially Significant Impact” to a “Less Than Significant Impact.” The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level.
5. Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. Section 15063(c)(3)(D). In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
  - a) Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
  - b) Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.
  - c) Mitigation Measures. For effects that are “Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated,” describe the mitigation measures that were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.
6. Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans, zoning ordinances). Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated.
7. The explanation of each issue should identify:
  - a) The significance criteria or threshold, if any, used to evaluate each question; and
  - b) The mitigation measure identified, if any, to reduce the impact to less than significance

**I. AESTHETICS** -- Would the project:

a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

A vista is a view from a particular location or composite views along a roadway or trail. Scenic vistas often refer to views of natural lands, but may also be compositions of natural and developed areas, or even entirely of developed and unnatural areas, such as a scenic vista of a rural town and surrounding agricultural lands. What is scenic to one person may not be scenic to another, so the assessment of what constitutes a scenic vista must consider the perceptions of a variety of viewer groups.

The items that can be seen within a vista are visual resources. Adverse impacts to individual visual resources or the addition of structures or developed areas may or may not adversely affect the vista. Determining the level of impact to a scenic vista requires analyzing the changes to the vista as a whole and also to individual visual resources.

**No Impact:** The project site is located approximately 0.75 mile northeast of the Tecate international border crossing in an area used heavily by semi-trucks to transport goods between the US and Mexico. Based on a site visit by DPW staff biologist, Lorrie Bradley on October 10, 2008, the proposed project is not located near or within, or visible from, a scenic vista and will not substantially change the composition of an existing scenic vista in a way that would adversely alter the visual quality or character of the view. Therefore, the proposed project will not have an adverse effect on a scenic vista.

The purpose of the proposed project is the realignment of a portion of Emery Road to eliminate a dangerous curve. Although grading will be required, the proposed project would not significantly alter the existing visual environment in terms of visual character and quality. The surrounding land uses are commercial and industrial in nature, and the proposed realigned roadway would represent a similar infrastructure improvement that currently serves these properties, in addition to the local area. The areas surrounding the proposed project are very disturbed as they are largely used as staging areas for trucks moving goods across the US/Mexican border. Therefore, the proposed project will not have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista.

b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

State scenic highways refer to those highways that are officially designated by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) as scenic ([Caltrans - California Scenic Highway Program](#)). Generally, the area defined within a State Scenic Highway is the land adjacent to and visible from the vehicular right-of-way. The dimension of a State Scenic Highway is usually identified using a motorist's line of vision, but a reasonable boundary is selected when the view extends to the distant horizon. The scenic highway corridor extends to the visual limits of the landscape abutting the scenic highway.

**No Impact:** Based on a site visit completed by Lorrie Bradley on October 10, 2008, the proposed project is not located near or visible within the composite viewshed of a State Scenic Highway and will not damage or remove visual resources within a State Scenic Highway. The proposed project is the realignment of Emery Road, which would remove a dangerous curve. The closest State Highway is SR-94, located approximately 1.5 miles southeast of SR 94; however, this portion of SR 94 is not designated as a State Scenic Highway. Therefore, the proposed project will not have any substantial adverse effect on a scenic resource within a State Scenic Highway.

c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input type="checkbox"/> No Impact                               |

Discussion/Explanation:

**Less Than Significant Impact:** Visual character is the objective composition of the visible landscape within a viewshed. Visual character is based on the organization of the pattern elements line, form, color, and texture. Visual character is commonly discussed in terms of dominance, scale, diversity and continuity. Visual quality is the viewer's perception of the visual environment and varies based on exposure, sensitivity and expectation of the viewers. The existing visual character and quality of the project site and surrounding can be characterized as disturbed. The areas surrounding the project site are heavily disturbed due to commercial and industrial uses. Many of the surrounding parcels are used as staging areas for trucks moving goods across the US/Mexico international border.

The proposed project is the realignment of Emery Road, which would remove a dangerous curve. The proposed project is compatible with the existing environment's visual character and quality because the surrounding area is currently developed with various commercial and industrial uses. The grading associated with the proposed project will not result in a degradation of the visual character of the area.

A list of past, present and future projects within the viewshed were evaluated to determine if the project would result in cumulative impacts on the visual character or quality of the local vicinity. As previously indicated, the local area has been developed with various commercial and industrial development, therefore the proposed project would not have a cumulative impact on the existing viewshed. Refer to XVII. Mandatory Findings of Significance for a comprehensive list of the projects considered.

- d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare, which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The proposed project does not include the use of any outdoor lighting or building materials with highly reflective properties such as highly reflective glass or high-gloss surface colors. Therefore, the proposed project will not create any new sources of light pollution that could contribute to sky glow, light trespass or glare that would adversely affect day or nighttime views in area. No project related impacts would occur.

## **II. AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES** -- Would the project:

- a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide or Local Importance (Important Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, or other agricultural resources, to non-agricultural use?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input type="checkbox"/> No Impact                               |

Discussion/Explanation:

**Less Than Significant Impact:** The project site is designated as Prime Agricultural Lands according to the State Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program (FMMP). However, based on a site visit completed by Lorrie Bradley on October 10, 2008, and a review of historic aerial photography, there is no evidence of agricultural use on the project site since 1995. This date is at least four years prior to the last FMMP mapping date. In order to qualify for the Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, Farmland of Statewide or Local Importance designations, land must have been cropped at some time during the four years prior to the last FMMP mapping date. Given the lack of agricultural use on the site within at least the past 14 years, the Prime Agricultural Land designation of this area according to the State is not accurate. The Farmland designation was likely misapplied as a result of the large scale of the Statewide



mapping effort which assigns Farmland designations based on aerial photography soils maps which are also very general in nature, and limited ground verification. Therefore, due to the lack of historic agricultural use on the project site within the past 14 years, the site does not meet the definition of an agricultural resource and no potentially significant project or cumulative level conversion of Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide or Local Importance to a non-agricultural use will occur as a result of this project.

b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The project site is zoned RR .5, Rural Residential with a 0.5-acre minimum lot size. This is a residential zoning designation and is not intended for agricultural uses. Additionally, the project site is not under a Williamson Act Contract. Therefore, the proposed project does not conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act Contract. No project related impacts would occur.

c) Involve other changes in the existing environment, which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Important Farmland or other agricultural resources, to non-agricultural use?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The project site, and surrounding area within a 0.5 mile radius, does not contain any active agricultural operations. The project site is designated as Prime Agricultural Lands by the FMMP. As previously discussed (Section II.b), the Prime Agricultural Land designation was likely misapplied as a result of the large scale of the Statewide mapping effort. Therefore, no Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, Farmland of Statewide or Local Importance, or active agricultural operations will be converted to a non-agricultural use. No project related impacts would occur.

**III. AIR QUALITY** -- Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:

a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the San Diego Regional Air Quality Strategy (RAQS) or applicable portions of the State Implementation Plan (SIP)?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** Operation of the project will not result in increase of criteria pollutant emissions compared to the existing use of the subject area that was anticipated by the RAQS. The project will not emit toxic air contaminants as identified by the California Air Resources Board. Therefore, the project will not conflict or obstruct with the implementation of the RAQS nor the SIP on a project or cumulative level. No project related impacts would occur.

- b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input type="checkbox"/> No Impact                               |

Discussion/Explanation:

In general, air quality impacts from land use projects are the result of emissions from motor vehicles, and from short-term construction activities associated with such projects. The San Diego County Land Use Environment Group (LUEG) has established guidelines for determining significance which incorporate the Air Pollution Control District's (SDAPCD) established screening-level criteria for all new source review (NSR) in APCD Rule 20.2. These screening-level criteria can be used as numeric methods to demonstrate that a project's total emissions (e.g. stationary and fugitive emissions, as well as emissions from mobile sources) would not result in a significant impact to air quality. Since APCD does not have screening-level criteria for emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), the use of the screening level for reactive organic compounds (ROC) from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) for the Coachella Valley (which are more appropriate for the San Diego Air Basin) are used.

**Less Than Significant Impact:** The proposed project would involve the realignment of approximately 0.14 mile of Emery Road, which is a two-lane road, and would eliminate a sharp curve. The realigned portion of the roadway will be constructed to match the width of the existing road (40 feet) and right of way (60 feet). However, grading operations associated with the construction of the proposed project will include the implementation of dust control measures, which will be included in contract documents. Emissions during the construction phase would be minimal, temporary and localized, resulting in pollutant emissions below the screening-level criteria established by the LUEG guidelines for determining significance. In addition, upon completion of the

construction phase of the project, the project will not result in additional Average Daily Trips (ADTs). According to the *Bay Area Air Quality Management District CEQA Guidelines for Assessing the Air Quality Impacts of Projects and Plans*, projects that generate less than 2,000 ADT are below the screening-level criteria established by the guidelines for criteria pollutants. Since the proposed project would not generate any ADT the project would not violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation. Therefore, the project would have a less than significant impact related to current air quality standards.

- c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input type="checkbox"/> No Impact                               |

Discussion/Explanation:

San Diego County is presently in non-attainment for the 1-hour concentrations for Ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) under the California Ambient Air Quality Standard (CAAQS). San Diego County is also presently in non-attainment for the annual geometric mean and for the 24-hour concentrations of particulate matter less than or equal to 10 microns (PM<sub>10</sub>) under the CAAQS. O<sub>3</sub> is formed when volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) react in the presence of sunlight. VOC sources include any source that burns fuels (e.g., gasoline, natural gas, wood, oil); solvents; petroleum processing and storage; and pesticides. Sources of PM<sub>10</sub> in both urban and rural areas include: motor vehicles, wood burning stoves and fireplaces, dust from construction, landfills, agriculture, wildfires, brush/waste burning, and industrial sources of windblown dust from open lands.

**Less Than Significant Impact:** Air quality emissions associated with the proposed project include emissions of PM<sub>10</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub> and VOCs from construction/grading activities. However, grading operations associated with the construction of the project would be subject to County of San Diego Grading Ordinance, which requires the implementation of dust control measures. Emissions from the construction phase would be minimal and localized, resulting in PM<sub>10</sub> and VOC emissions below the screening-level criteria established by the LUEG guidelines for determining significance. Once the construction phase of the project has been completed, the project will not result in additional Average Daily Trips (ADTs). According to the *Bay Area Air Quality Management District CEQA Guidelines for Assessing the Air Quality Impacts of Projects and Plans*, projects that generate less than 2,000 ADT are below the screening-level criteria established by the LUEG guidelines for determining significance for VOCs and PM<sub>10</sub>.

In addition, a list of past, present and future projects within the surrounding area were evaluated and none of these projects emit significant amounts of criteria pollutants.

Refer to XVII. Mandatory Findings of Significance for a comprehensive list of the projects considered. The proposed project as well as the past, present and future projects within the surrounding area, have emissions below the screening-level criteria established by the LUEG guidelines for determining significance for VOCs and PM<sub>10</sub>, therefore, the construction and operational emissions associated with the proposed project are not expected to create a cumulatively considerable impact nor a considerable net increase of PM<sub>10</sub>, or any O<sub>3</sub> precursors.

d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input type="checkbox"/> No Impact                               |

Discussion/Explanation:

Air quality regulators typically define sensitive receptors as schools (Preschool-12<sup>th</sup> Grade), hospitals, resident care facilities, or day-care centers, or other facilities that may house individuals with health conditions that would be adversely impacted by changes in air quality. The County of San Diego also considers residences as sensitive receptors since they may house children and the elderly.

**Less Than Significant Impact:** The following sensitive receptors have been identified within a quarter-mile (the radius determined by the SCAQMD in which the dilution of pollutants is typically significant) of the proposed project: residences. However, the proposed project does not include uses or activities that would result in exposure of these identified sensitive receptors to significant pollutant concentrations and will not place sensitive receptors near carbon monoxide hotspots. In addition, the proposed project will not contribute to a cumulatively considerable exposure of sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations because the proposed project as well as the listed projects have emissions below the screening-level criteria established by the LUEG guidelines for determining significance. Furthermore, once construction of the road is complete, the proposed realigned roadway will not produce emissions. Therefore, potential project impacts that may occur are considered to be less than significant.

e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input type="checkbox"/> No Impact                               |

Discussion/Explanation:

**Less Than Significant Impact:** The proposed project could produce objectionable odors, which would result from volatile organic compounds, ammonia, carbon dioxide,

hydrogen sulfide, methane, alcohols, aldehydes, amines, carbonyls, esters, disulfides dust and endotoxins from the construction phase. However, these substances, if present at all, would only be in trace amounts (less than  $1 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ). Subsequently, no significant air quality – odor impacts are expected to affect surrounding receptors. Moreover, the effects of objectionable odors are localized to the immediate surrounding area and will not contribute to a cumulatively considerable odor.

**IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES** -- Would the project:

- a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input type="checkbox"/> No Impact                    |

Discussion/Explanation:

**Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated:** As is indicated in the *Biological Technical Report for the Emery Road Realignment Project*, prepared by RECON Environmental Inc., dated April 2009, the project area supports sensitive vegetation communities, including disturbed Diegan coastal sage scrub, coastal sage-chaparral scrub, southern coast live oak riparian forest, and open coast live oak woodland. In addition, three sensitive plant species were identified within the project area (Tecate tarplant, Sticky gerardia, and rush like bristleweed). However, these species were not observed within the project impact area; therefore, no mitigation is required.

A single observation of an adult Quino checkerspot butterfly was observed by John Lovio (TE-065741) within the project impact area; however, this individual was not observed within the areas containing host plants. The project site (including areas of host plant) was surveyed for four additional weeks after the initial observation, no additional Quino checkerspot butterflies were observed. It was concluded that the individual observed was from a known population to the west and was passing through the project site area. Refer to the *Quino Checkerspot Butterfly 2009 Flight Survey Report for Emery Road Realignment Project, San Diego County, California*, prepared by RECON Environmental Inc., dated April 2009 for further information. Based on this information, no impacts will occur to Quino checkerspot butterfly and no mitigation is required.

The project site supports native biological habitat for these and other species; however, the incremental removal of this habitat will not result in substantial adverse effects with mitigation incorporated as specified in the Biological Technical Report.

- b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input type="checkbox"/> No Impact                    |

Discussion/Explanation:

**Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated:** The proposed project is the realignment of approximately 0.14 mile of Emery Road to eliminate a dangerous curve. Implementation of the proposed project will result in impacts to southern coast live oak riparian forest, coast live oak open woodland, coastal sage-chaparral scrub, and disturbed Diegan coastal sage scrub. Impacts to these communities will be minimal, totaling 0.458 acre. In addition, in its current state, the vegetation within and surrounding the project site is highly disturbed due to the Harris Fire as well as the high level of human activity associated with commercial transport across the Mexican border at the Tecate International Border Crossing. Mitigation for project impacts to vegetation communities will occur through deduction of habitat credits at the County's Rancho San Diego Mitigation Bank. Impacts to jurisdictional waters/streambed will be accomplished through removal of the existing road and contouring that old road bed to become part of the channel. Therefore, project impacts will be less than significant.

- c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input type="checkbox"/> No Impact                    |

Discussion/Explanation:

**Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated:** The proposed project will affect resources under the jurisdiction of the US Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE). However, the resources are disturbed due to the Harris Fire as well as the high level of human activity associated with commercial transport across the Mexican border at the Tecate International Border Crossing. Mitigation for project impacts to Non-wetland Waters of the U.S. will occur through removal of the existing road segment and recontouring of the area to become part of the channel. Therefore, project impacts will be less than significant.

- d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input type="checkbox"/> No Impact                               |

Discussion/Explanation:

**Less than Significant Impact:** Based on an analysis of the County's Geographic Information System (GIS) records, the County's Comprehensive Matrix of Sensitive Species, site photos, a site visit on October 10, 2008, and a Biological Resources Report dated April 20, 2009 prepared by RECON Environmental, Inc., DPW staff biologist, Lorrie Bradley, has determined that the site has limited biological value. Impedance of the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species, the use of wildlife corridors, or the use of native wildlife nursery sites would not be expected as a result of the proposed project for the following reasons: The project area has a high level of human activity and lack of vegetative cover; therefore, it is not likely that wildlife would use the project or surrounding areas for movement, foraging or breeding.

- e) Conflict with the provisions of any adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Communities Conservation Plan, other approved local, regional or state habitat conservation plan or any other local policies or ordinances that protect biological resources?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The proposed project is not located within the boundaries of the County's MSCP plan. The project site is located approximately 0.75 mile northeast of the Tecate international border crossing in an area used heavily by semi-trucks to transport goods between the US and Mexico.

- f) The surrounding land uses are commercial and industrial in nature and heavily disturbed. The areas surrounding the proposed project are also very disturbed as they are largely used as staging areas for trucks moving goods across the US/Mexican border. Due to the disturbed nature of the site, it is not likely that the project area would be targeted for preservation under a habitat conservation plan, Natural Communities Conservation Plan, other approved local, regional or state habitat conservation plan. Therefore, no project impacts will occur.

**V. CULTURAL RESOURCES** -- Would the project:

a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in 15064.5?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** Based on an analysis of records and a survey of the property by a County of San Diego approved archaeologist, Carmen Zepeda-Herman (RECON Environmental) in November and December 2008, it has been determined that there are no impacts to historical resources because they do not occur within the project site. The results of the survey are provided in a cultural resources report titled, Cultural Resources Survey and Test Excavations for the Emery Road Realignment, prepared by RECON Environmental, dated February 16, 2009. Therefore, no project related impacts would occur.

b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to 15064.5?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input type="checkbox"/> No Impact                    |

Discussion/Explanation:

**Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated:** One prehistoric site was identified within the project APE. CA-SDI-19,241 consists of 13 bedrock milling features, four ground stone artifacts and lithic and ceramic scatter (RECON, 2009). The proposed project will result in direct impacts to approximately 10,315 square feet of CA-SDI-19,241. Mitigation for project impacts will consist of implementation of a data recovery program. Therefore, with the implementation of the data recovery plan, the impact to CA-SDI-19,241 will be mitigated to less than significant.

c) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique geologic feature?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

San Diego County has a variety of geologic environments and geologic processes which generally occur in other parts of the state, country, and the world. However,



some features stand out as being unique in one way or another within the boundaries of the County.

**No Impact:** The site does not contain any unique geologic features that have been listed in the County's Guidelines for Determining Significance for Unique Geology Resources nor does the site support any known geologic characteristics that have the potential to support unique geologic features. Therefore, no project related impacts would occur.

d) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** A review of the County's Paleontological Resources Maps indicates that the project is located entirely on plutonic igneous rock and has no potential for producing fossil remains. Therefore, no project related impacts would occur.

e) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** Based on an analysis of records and a survey of the property by a County of San Diego approved archaeologist, Carmen Zepeda-Herman (RECON Environmental), in November and December 2008, it has been determined that the project will not disturb any human remains because the project site does not include a formal cemetery or any archaeological resources that might contain interred human remains. The results of the survey are provided in an archaeological survey report entitled, Cultural Resources Survey and Test Excavations for the Emery Road Realignment, prepared by RECON Environmental, dated February 16, 2009. Therefore, no project related impacts would occur.

**VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS** -- Would the project:

- a) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:
- i. Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist

for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault?  
Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The project is not located in a fault rupture hazard zone identified by the Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Act, Special Publication 42, Revised 1997, Fault-Rupture Hazards Zones in California, or located within any other area with substantial evidence of a known fault. Therefore, there will be no impact from the exposure of people or structures to adverse effects from a known fault-rupture hazard zone as a result of this project. No project related impacts would occur.

ii. Strong seismic ground shaking?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The proposed project is the realignment of a portion of Emery Road within the community of Tecate. The project does not include any structures that would be adversely affected by strong seismic ground shaking. Therefore, this project would not expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects due to seismic shaking. No project related impacts would occur.

iii. Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The project site is not within a "Potential Liquefaction Area" as identified in the County Guidelines for Determining Significance for Geologic Hazards. This indicates that the geologic environment of the project site is not susceptible to ground failure from seismic activity. Therefore, there will be no impact from the exposure of people or structures to adverse effects from a known area susceptible to ground failure, including liquefaction. No project related impacts would occur.

iv. Landslides?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The project site is not within a "Landslide Susceptibility Area" as identified in the County Guidelines for Determining Significance for Geologic Hazards. Landslide Susceptibility Areas were developed based on landslide risk profiles included in the *Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, San Diego, CA* (URS, 2004). Landslide risk areas from this plan were based on data including steep slopes (greater than 25%); soil series data (SANDAG based on USGS 1970s series); soil-slip susceptibility from USGS; and Landslide Hazard Zone Maps (limited to western portion of the County) developed by the California Department of Conservation, Division of Mines and Geology (DMG). Also included within Landslide Susceptibility Areas are gabbroic soils on slopes steeper than 15% in grade because these soils are slide prone. Since the project is not located within an identified Landslide Susceptibility Area and the geologic environment has a low probability to become unstable, the project would not expose people or structures to potential adverse effects from landslides. Therefore, no project related impacts would occur.

b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** According to the Soil Survey of San Diego County, the soils on-site are identified as Wyman loam, 5 to 9 percent slopes (WmC) that has a soil erodibility rating of "slight" as indicated by the Soil Survey for the San Diego Area, prepared by the US Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation and Forest Service dated December 1973. However, the project is required to comply with the San Diego County Code of Regulations, Title 8, Zoning and Land Use Regulations, Division 7, Sections 87.414 (DRAINAGE - EROSION PREVENTION) and 87.417 (PLANTING). Due to these factors, it has been found that the project will not result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil. Therefore, no project related impacts would occur.

c) Will the project produce unstable geological conditions that will result in adverse impacts resulting from landslides, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The project is not located on or near geological formations that are unstable or would potentially become unstable as a result of the project. Therefore, no project related impacts would occur. For further information refer to VI Geology and Soils, Question a., i-iv listed above.

- d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The project does not contain expansive soils as defined by Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994). The soils on-site are Wyman loam, 5 to 9 percent slopes (WmC). These soils have a shrink-swell behavior of low and represent no substantial risks to life or property. Therefore, the project will not create a substantial risk to life or property. This was confirmed by staff review of the Soil Survey for the San Diego Area, prepared by the US Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation and Forest Service dated December 1973. Therefore, no project related impacts would occur.

- e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:**

The project is the realignment of approximately 0.14 mile of Emery Road to eliminate a dangerous curve. The project does not propose any septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems since no wastewater will be generated. Therefore, no project related impacts would occur.

**VII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS** -- Would the project:

- a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, storage, use, or disposal of hazardous materials or wastes or through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The project will not create a significant hazard to the public or the environment because it does not propose the storage, use, transport, emission, or disposal of Hazardous Substances, nor are Hazardous Substances proposed or currently in use in the immediate vicinity. In addition, the project does not propose to demolish any existing structures onsite and therefore would not create a hazard related to the release of asbestos, lead based paint or other hazardous materials from demolition activities. Therefore, no project related impacts would occur.

- b) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The project is not located within 0.25 mile of an existing or proposed school. Therefore, the project will not have any effect on an existing or proposed school. No project related impacts would occur.

- c) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5, or is otherwise known to have been subject to a release of hazardous substances and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** Based on a site visit and regulatory database search, the project site has not been subject to a release of hazardous substances. The project site is not included in any of the following lists or databases: the State of California Hazardous Waste and Substances sites list compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5., the San Diego County Hazardous Materials Establishment database, the San Diego County DEH Site Assessment and Mitigation (SAM) Case Listing, the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) Site Mitigation and Brownfields Reuse Program Database ("CalSites" Envirostor Database), the Resource Conservation and Recovery Information System (RCRIS) listing, the EPA's Superfund CERCLIS database or the EPA's National Priorities List (NPL). Additionally, the project does not propose structures for human occupancy or significant linear excavation within 1,000 feet of an open, abandoned, or closed landfill, is not located on or within 250 feet of the boundary of a parcel identified as containing burn ash (from the historic burning of trash), is not on or within 1,000 feet of a Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS), does not contain a leaking Underground Storage Tank, and is not located on a site with the potential for contamination from historic uses such as intensive agriculture, industrial uses, a gas station or vehicle repair shop. Therefore, the project would not create a significant hazard to the public or environment. No project related impacts would occur.

- d) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The proposed project is not located within an Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan (ALUCP), a Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP), within a Federal Aviation Administration Height Notification Surface, or within two miles of a public airport. Also, the project does not propose construction of any structure equal to or greater than 150 feet in height, constituting a safety hazard to aircraft and/or operations from an airport or heliport. Therefore, the project will not constitute a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area. No project related impacts would occur.

- e) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The proposed project is not within one mile of a private airstrip. As a result, the project will not constitute a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area. Therefore, no project related impacts would occur.

f) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input type="checkbox"/> No Impact                               |

Discussion/Explanation:

The following sections summarize the project's consistency with applicable emergency response plans or emergency evacuation plans.

i. OPERATIONAL AREA EMERGENCY PLAN AND MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN:

**Less Than Significant Impact:** The Operational Area Emergency Plan is a comprehensive emergency plan that defines responsibilities, establishes an emergency organization, defines lines of communications, and is designed to be part of the statewide Standardized Emergency Management System. The Operational Area Emergency Plan provides guidance for emergency planning and requires subsequent plans to be established by each jurisdiction that has responsibilities in a disaster situation. The Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan includes an overview of the risk assessment process, identifies hazards present in the jurisdiction, hazard profiles, and vulnerability assessments. The plan also identifies goals, objectives and actions for each jurisdiction in the County of San Diego, including all cities and the County unincorporated areas. The project will not interfere with this plan because it will not prohibit subsequent plans from being established or prevent the goals and objectives of existing plans from being carried out. Therefore, potential project impacts that may occur are considered to be less than significant.

ii. SAN DIEGO COUNTY NUCLEAR POWER STATION EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

**No Impact:** The San Diego County Nuclear Power Station Emergency Response Plan will not be interfered with by the project due to the location of the project, plant and the specific requirements of the plan. The emergency plan for the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station includes an emergency planning zone within a 10-mile radius. All land area within 10 miles of the plant is not within the jurisdiction of the unincorporated County and as such a project in the unincorporated area is not expected to interfere with any response or evacuation. Therefore, no project related impacts would occur.

iii. OIL SPILL CONTINGENCY ELEMENT

**No Impact:** The Oil Spill Contingency Element will not be interfered with because the project is not located along the coastal zone or coastline. Therefore, no project related impacts would occur.

iv. EMERGENCY WATER CONTINGENCIES ANNEX AND ENERGY SHORTAGE RESPONSE PLAN

**No Impact:** The Emergency Water Contingencies Annex and Energy Shortage Response Plan will not be interfered with because the project does not propose altering major water or energy supply infrastructure, such as the California Aqueduct. Therefore, no project related impacts would occur.

v. DAM EVACUATION PLAN

**No Impact:** The Dam Evacuation Plan will not be interfered with because the project is not located within a dam inundation zone. Therefore, no project related impacts would occur.

- g) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input type="checkbox"/> No Impact                               |

Discussion/Explanation:

**Less Than Significant Impact:** The proposed project is adjacent to wildlands that have the potential to support wildland fires. However, the project will not expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires because no structures are proposed and defensible space will be maintained within the right of way. Therefore, potential project impacts that may occur are considered to be less than significant.

- h) Propose a use, or place residents adjacent to an existing or reasonably foreseeable use that would substantially increase current or future resident's exposure to vectors, including mosquitoes, rats or flies, which are capable of transmitting significant public health diseases or nuisances?



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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The project does not involve or support uses that allow water to stand for a period of 72 hours (3 days) or more (e.g. artificial lakes, agricultural irrigation ponds). Also, the project does not involve or support uses that will produce or collect animal waste, such as equestrian facilities, agricultural operations (chicken coops, dairies etc.), solid waste facility or other similar uses. Moreover, based on a site visit conducted by Lorrie Bradley on October 10, 2008, there are none of these uses on adjacent properties. Therefore, the project will not substantially increase current or future resident's exposure to vectors, including mosquitoes, rats or flies. No project related impacts would occur.

**VIII. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY** -- Would the project:

a) Violate any waste discharge requirements?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input type="checkbox"/> No Impact                               |

Discussion/Explanation:

**Less Than Significant Impact:** The proposed project is the realignment of approximately 0.14 mile of Emery Road, a two lane road, to eliminate a sharp curve which requires a NPDES General Construction Permit and a Water Quality Certification, both from the California Regional Water Quality Control Board. The project is required to implement site design measures and/or source control and treatment control BMPs as appropriate to reduce potential pollutants to the maximum extent practicable from entering storm water runoff. These measures are proposed in the Conceptual Water Pollution Control Plan and include but are not limited to silt fencing, check dams, straw wattles, temporary gravel construction entrances, inlet protection, gravel bags, and hydroseeding for slope stabilization. These measures will enable the project to meet waste discharge requirements as required by the Land-Use Planning for New Development and Redevelopment Component of the San Diego Municipal Permit (SDRWQCB Order No. R9-2007-0001), as implemented by the San Diego County Jurisdictional Urban Runoff Management Program (JURMP) and Standard Urban Storm Water Mitigation Plan (SUSMP). With implementation of project design features such as BMPs, project-level impacts from violations to waste discharge requirements would be less than significant.

The project's conformance to the waste discharge requirements listed above ensures the project will not create cumulatively considerable water quality impacts related to

waste discharge because, through the permit, the project will conform to Countywide watershed standards in the JURMP and SUSMP, derived from State regulation to address human health and water quality concerns. Therefore, the project will not contribute to a cumulatively considerable impact to water quality from waste discharges and project impacts will be less than significant.

- b) Is the project tributary to an already impaired water body, as listed on the Clean Water Act Section 303(d) list? If so, could the project result in an increase in any pollutant for which the water body is already impaired?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input type="checkbox"/> No Impact                               |

Discussion/Explanation:

**Less Than Significant Impact:** The project lies in the Campo (911.81) hydrologic subarea, within the Tijuana River hydrologic unit. According to the Clean Water Act Section 303(d) list, July 2003, portions of this watershed are impaired. The Tijuana River is impaired for eutrophication, coliform bacteria, organic enrichment/low dissolved oxygen, pesticides, solids, synthetic organics, trace elements, and trash; Tijuana River Estuary is impaired for eutrophication, coliform bacteria, lead, nickel, pesticides, thallium, trash; and the Pacific Ocean at the Tijuana River mouth is impaired for coliform bacteria. Constituents of concern in the Tijuana River watershed include: Freshwater: coliform bacteria, nutrients, trace metals, pesticides, miscellaneous toxics, low dissolved oxygen, and trash; Groundwater: total dissolved solids, nitrates, petroleum, MTBE, and solvents.

The project proposes the following activities that are associated with these pollutants: construction activities including grading that could cause sediment and soils to be released off site and carried downstream from the project. However, site design measures and/or source control and treatment control BMPs will be employed so that potential pollutants will be reduced in any runoff to the maximum extent practicable so as not to increase the level of these pollutants in receiving waters. These measures are proposed in the Conceptual Water Pollution Control Plan and include but are not limited to silt fencing, check dams, straw wattles, temporary gravel construction entrances, inlet protection, gravel bags, and hydroseeding for slope stabilization.

The proposed BMPs are consistent with regional surface water and storm water planning and permitting process that has been established to improve the overall water quality in County watersheds. As a result the project will not contribute to a cumulative impact to an already impaired water body, as listed on the Clean Water Act Section 303(d). Regional surface water and storm water permitting regulation for County of San Diego, Incorporated Cities of San Diego County, and San Diego Unified Port District includes the following: Order 2001-01 (NPDES No. CAS 0108758), adopted by the San Diego Region RWQCB on February 21, 2001; County Watershed Protection, Storm Water Management, and Discharge Control Ordinance (WPO) (Ord. No. 9424); County

Storm water Standards Manual adopted on February 20, 2002, and amended January 10, 2003 (Ordinance No. 9426). The stated purposes of these ordinances are to protect the health, safety and general welfare of the County of San Diego residents; to protect water resources and to improve water quality; to cause the use of management practices by the County and its citizens that will reduce the adverse effects of polluted runoff discharges on waters of the state; to secure benefits from the use of storm water as a resource; and to ensure the County is compliant with applicable state and federal laws. Ordinance No. 9424 (WPO) has discharge prohibitions, and requirements that vary depending on type of land use activity and location in the County. Ordinance No. 9426 is Appendix A of Ordinance No. 9424 (WPO) and sets out in more detail, by project category, what Dischargers must do to comply with the Ordinance and to receive permits for projects and activities that are subject to the Ordinance. Collectively, these regulations establish standards for projects to follow which intend to improve water quality from headwaters to the deltas of each watershed in the County. Each project subject to WPO is required to prepare a Stormwater Management Plan that details a project's pollutant discharge contribution to a given watershed and propose BMPs or design measures to mitigate any impacts that may occur in the watershed. Therefore, project impacts will be less than significant.

- c) Could the proposed project cause or contribute to an exceedance of applicable surface or groundwater receiving water quality objectives or degradation of beneficial uses?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input type="checkbox"/> No Impact                               |

Discussion/Explanation:

**Less Than Significant Impact:** The Regional Water Quality Control Board has designated water quality objectives for waters of the San Diego Region as outlined in Chapter 3 of the Water Quality Control Plan (Plan). The water quality objectives are necessary to protect the existing and potential beneficial uses of each hydrologic unit as described in Chapter 2 of the Plan.

The project lies in the Camp (911.81) hydrologic subarea, within the Tijuana River hydrologic unit that has the following existing and potential beneficial uses for inland surface waters, coastal waters, reservoirs and lakes, and ground water: municipal and domestic supply; agricultural supply; industrial process supply, industrial service supply; freshwater replenishment; contact water recreation; non-contact water recreation; warm freshwater habitat; cold freshwater habitat; wildlife habitat; commercial and sport fishing; preservation of biological habitats of special significance; estuarine habitat; marine habitat; migration of aquatic organisms; shellfish harvesting; and, rare, threatened, or endangered species habitat.

The project has the potential to result in the following potential sources of polluted runoff: construction activities including grading that could cause sediment and soils to be released

off site and carried downstream from the project. However, site design measures and/or source control and treatment control BMPs will be employed to reduce potential pollutants in runoff to the maximum extent practicable, such that the proposed project will not cause or contribute to an exceedance of applicable surface or groundwater receiving water quality objectives or degradation of beneficial uses. These measures are proposed in the Conceptual Water Pollution Control Plan and include but are not limited to silt fencing, check dams, straw waddles, temporary gravel construction entrances, gravel bags, and hydroseeding for slope stabilization.

In addition, the proposed BMPs are consistent with regional surface water, storm water and groundwater planning and permitting process that has been established to improve the overall water quality in County watersheds. As a result, the project will not contribute to a cumulatively considerable exceedance of applicable surface or groundwater receiving water quality objectives or degradation of beneficial uses. Refer to Section VIII., Hydrology and Water Quality, Question b, for more information on regional surface water and storm water planning and permitting process.

- d) Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The proposed project is the realignment of Emery Road to eliminate a dangerous curve. The project will not use groundwater for any purpose. Therefore, no impact to groundwater resources is anticipated.

- e) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input type="checkbox"/> No Impact                               |

Discussion/Explanation:

**Less Than Significant Impact:** The proposed project is the realignment of approximately 0.14 mile of Emery Road, a two lane road, to eliminate a sharp curve. The project will implement the following site design measures, source control, and/or treatment control

BMPs to reduce potential pollutants, including sediment from erosion or siltation, to the maximum extent practicable from entering storm water runoff: silt fencing, check dams, straw wattles, temporary gravel construction entrances, gravel bags, and hydroseeding for slope stabilization. These measures will control erosion and sedimentation and satisfy waste discharge requirements as required by the Land-Use Planning for New Development and Redevelopment Component of the San Diego Municipal Permit (SDRWQCB Order No. 2001-01), as implemented by the San Diego County Jurisdictional Urban Runoff Management Program (JURMP) and Standard Urban Storm Water Mitigation Plan (SUSMP). The Conceptual Water Pollution Control Plan specifies and describes the implementation process of all BMPs that will address equipment operation and materials management, prevent the erosion process from occurring, and prevent sedimentation in any onsite and downstream drainage swales. The Department of Public Works will ensure that the Plan is implemented as proposed. Due to these factors, it has been found that the project will not result in significantly increased erosion or sedimentation potential and will not significantly alter any drainage patterns of the site or area on- or off-site. In addition, because erosion and sedimentation will be controlled within the boundaries of the project, the project will not contribute to a cumulatively considerable impact. For further information on soil erosion refer to VI., Geology and Soils, Question b. Therefore, project impacts will be less than significant.

- f) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input type="checkbox"/> No Impact                               |

Discussion/Explanation:

**Less Than Significant Impact:** The proposed project will not significantly alter established drainage patterns or significantly increase the amount of runoff for the following reasons:

- Drainage will be conveyed to a natural drainage channels east of the existing road alignment.
- The project will not increase water surface elevation in a watercourse with a watershed equal to or greater one square mile by one foot (1') or more in height.
- The project will not increase surface runoff exiting the project site equal to or greater than one cubic foot/second.

Therefore, the project will not substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site. Moreover, the project will not contribute to a cumulatively considerable alteration or a drainage pattern or increase in the rate or amount of runoff, because the project will not substantially increase water surface elevation or runoff exiting the site, as detailed above.

- g) Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned storm water drainage systems?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input type="checkbox"/> No Impact                               |

Discussion/Explanation:

**Less Than Significant Impact:** The project does not propose to create or contribute runoff water that would exceed the capacity of existing or planned storm water drainage systems. Currently, there are no existing or planned formal storm water facilities within the project site. The new road alignment will result in additional impervious surface; however, excess flows will sheet off of the road into an existing drainage east of the existing road alignment. The existing drainage is of sufficient capacity to handle any runoff from the new alignment.

- h) Provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input type="checkbox"/> No Impact                               |

Discussion/Explanation:

The project has the potential to result in the release of polluted runoff from construction activities including grading that could cause sediment and soils to be released off site and carried downstream from the project. However, the site design measures and/or source control and treatment control BMPs will be employed such that potential pollutants and runoff will be reduced to the maximum extent practicable. These measures are proposed in the Conceptual Water Pollution Control Plan and include but are not limited to silt fencing, check dams, straw waddles, temporary gravel construction entrances, inlet protection, gravel bags, and hydroseeding for slope stabilization. Refer to VIII Hydrology and Water Quality Questions a, b, c, for further information. Therefore, potential impacts from providing substantial sources of polluted runoff would be less than significant.

- i) Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map, including County Floodplain Maps?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The proposed project is the realignment of approximately 0.14 mile of Emery Road to eliminate a dangerous curve. Although the project site lies within a special flood hazard area (Zone A) as identified on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), the project is not proposing to place structures with a potential for human occupation within these flood hazard areas. Therefore no impact to housing within a 100-year flood hazard area would occur.

- j) Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?

<input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact
<input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	<input type="checkbox"/> No Impact

Discussion/Explanation:

**Less than Significant:** The project site contains drainage swales, which are identified as being 100-year flood hazard areas. However, the project is not proposing to place structures, access roads or other improvements which will impede or redirect flood flows in these areas. Therefore, potential project impacts that may occur are considered to be less than significant.

- k) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding?

<input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact	<input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact
<input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The proposed project is the realignment of approximately 0.14 mile of Emery Road to eliminate a dangerous curve. The project site lies within a special flood hazard area (Zone A) as identified on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). However, the project is not proposing to place structures with a potential for human occupation within these flood hazard areas. Therefore, the project will not expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving flooding, therefore no impact would occur.

- l) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The project site lies outside a mapped dam inundation area for a major dam/reservoir within San Diego County. In addition, the project is not located immediately downstream of a minor dam that could potentially flood the property. Therefore, the project will not expose people to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding. No project related impact would occur.

m) Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

i. SEICHE

**No Impact:** The project site is not located along the shoreline of a lake or reservoir; therefore, could not be inundated by a seiche. Therefore, no project related impacts would occur.

ii. TSUNAMI

**No Impact:** The project site is located more than a mile from the coast; therefore, in the event of a tsunami, would not be inundated. Therefore, no project related impacts would occur.

iii. MUDFLOW

**No Impact:** Mudflow is type of landslide. The site is not located within a landslide susceptibility zone. In addition, though the project does propose land disturbance that will expose unprotected soils, the project is not located downstream from unprotected, exposed soils within a landslide susceptibility zone. Therefore, it is not anticipated that the project will expose people or property to inundation due to a mudflow. No project related impacts would occur.

**IX. LAND USE AND PLANNING** -- Would the project:

a) Physically divide an established community?



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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The project does not propose the introduction of new infrastructure such as major roadways or water supply systems, or utilities to the area. Therefore, the proposed project will not physically disrupt or divide an established community. No project related impacts would occur.

- b) Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The proposed project is the realignment of approximately 0.14 mile of Emery Road to eliminate a dangerous curve. The proposed project is consistent with all applicable land use plans, policies, or regulations of an agency with jurisdiction over the project, including those identified in the Mountain Empire Community Plan. No project related impacts would occur.

**X. MINERAL RESOURCES** -- Would the project:

- a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The lands within the project site have not been classified by the California Department of Conservation – Division of Mines and Geology (Update of Mineral Land Classification: Aggregate Materials in the Western San Diego Production-Consumption Region, 1997). The soils within the site consist of loam (WyC) with bedrock outcroppings. No project related impacts would occur.

- b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The project site is zoned RR .5, which is not considered to be an Extractive Use Zone (S-82) nor does it have an Impact Sensitive Land Use Designation (24) with an Extractive Land Use Overlay (25) (County Land Use Element, 2000).

Therefore, no potentially significant loss of availability of a known mineral resource of locally important mineral resource recovery (extraction) site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan will occur as a result of this project. No project related impacts would occur.

**XI. NOISE** -- Would the project result in:

- a) Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The proposed project is for an unmanned facility that does not support any noise-generating equipment. Therefore, the project will not expose people to or generate any noise levels that exceed the allowable limits of the County of San Diego Noise Element of the General Plan, County of San Diego Noise Ordinance, and other applicable local, State, and Federal noise control regulations. No project related impacts would occur.

- b) Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The project does not propose any of the following land uses that can be impacted by groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels.

1. Buildings where low ambient vibration is essential for interior operation, including research and manufacturing facilities with special vibration constraints.
2. Residences and buildings where people normally sleep including hotels, hospitals, residences and where low ambient vibration is preferred.
3. Civic and institutional land uses including schools, churches, libraries, other institutions, and quiet office where low ambient vibration is preferred.
4. Concert halls for symphonies or other special use facilities where low ambient vibration is preferred.

Also, the project does not propose any major, new or expanded infrastructure such as mass transit, highways or major roadways or intensive extractive industry that could generate excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels on-site or in the surrounding area. No project related impacts would occur.

- c) A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The proposed project is for an unmanned facility that does not support any noise-generating equipment. Therefore, the project would not result in a substantial permanent increase in existing ambient noise levels in the project vicinity. No project related impacts would occur.

- d) A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The proposed project is for an unmanned facility that does not support any noise-generating equipment. Also, the temporary increase over existing ambient levels for general construction noise is not expected to exceed the construction noise limits of the County of San Diego Noise Ordinance (Section 36-410), which are derived from State regulation to address human health and quality of life concerns. Construction operations will occur only during permitted hours of operation pursuant to Section 36-

410. Also, it is not anticipated that the project will operate construction equipment in excess of 75 dB for more than an 8 hours during a 24-hour period. Therefore, the project would not result in a substantial temporary or periodic increase in existing ambient noise levels in the project vicinity. No project related impacts would occur.

- e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The proposed project is not located within a Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) for airports or within two miles of a public airport or public use airport. Therefore, the proposed project will not expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive airport-related noise levels. No project related impacts would occur.

- f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input type="checkbox"/> No Impact                    |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The proposed project is not located within a one-mile vicinity of a private airstrip; therefore, the project will not expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive airport-related noise levels. No project related impacts would occur.

**XII. POPULATION AND HOUSING** -- Would the project:

- a) Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The proposed project is the realignment of approximately 0.14 mile of Emery Road to eliminate a dangerous curve. The proposed project will not induce substantial population growth in an area because the project does not propose any physical or regulatory change that would remove a restriction to or encourage population growth in an area including, but limited to the following: new or extended infrastructure or public facilities; new commercial or industrial facilities; large-scale residential development; accelerated conversion of homes to commercial or multi-family use; or regulatory changes including General Plan amendments, specific plan amendments, zone reclassifications, sewer or water annexations; or LAFCO annexation actions. No project related impacts would occur.

- b) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The proposed project will not displace any existing housing since the site is currently vacant. No project related impacts would occur.

- c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The proposed project will not displace a substantial number of people since the site is currently vacant. No project related impacts would occur.

### **XIII. PUBLIC SERVICES**

- a) Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:

- i. Fire protection?
- ii. Police protection?
- iii. Schools?

- iv. Parks?
- v. Other public facilities?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The proposed project is the realignment of approximately 0.14 mile of Emery Road to eliminate a dangerous curve. The proposed project does not involve the construction of new or physically altered governmental facilities including, but not limited to fire protection facilities, sheriff facilities, schools, or parks in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, other performance service ratios or objectives for any public services. Therefore, the project will have no impact because the project does not require new or significantly altered services or facilities to be constructed. No project related impacts would occur.

**XIV. RECREATION**

- a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The proposed project is the realignment of approximately 0.14 mile of Emery Road to eliminate a dangerous curve. The proposed project does not propose any residential use, included but not limited to a residential subdivision, mobilehome park, or construction for a single-family residence that may increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities in the vicinity.

- b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities, which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The proposed project is the realignment of approximately 0.14 mile of Emery Road to eliminate a dangerous curve. The proposed project does not include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities. Therefore, the construction or expansion of recreational facilities cannot have an adverse physical effect on the environment. No project related impacts would occur.

**XV. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC** -- Would the project:

- a) Cause an increase in traffic which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The proposed project is the realignment of approximately 0.14 mile of Emery Road to eliminate a dangerous curve. The project does not propose any additional ADTs; therefore, the proposed project will have no impact on the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system.

- b) Exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the County congestion management agency and/or as identified by the County of San Diego Transportation Impact Fee Program for designated roads or highways?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The proposed project is the realignment of approximately 0.14 mile of Emery Road to eliminate a dangerous curve. The project does not propose any additional ADTs; therefore, the proposed project will have no direct or cumulative impact on the level of service standard established by the County congestion management agency for designated roads or highways.

- c) Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The proposed project is located outside of an Airport Influence Area and is not located within two miles of a public or public use airport; therefore, the project will not result in a change in air traffic patterns. No project related impacts would occur.

- d) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The proposed project is the realignment of approximately 0.14 mile of Emery Road. The purpose of the project is to eliminate a dangerous curve that exists on Emery Road. The proposed project will not alter traffic patterns, roadway design, place incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment) on existing roadways, or create or place curves, slopes or walls which impede adequate site distance on a road. No project related impacts would occur.

- e) Result in inadequate emergency access?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The proposed project will not result in inadequate emergency access. The proposed project is not served by a dead-end road that exceeds the maximum cumulative length permitted by the Consolidated Fire Code for the 17 Fire Protection Districts in San Diego County; therefore, the project has adequate emergency access. No project related impacts would occur.

- f) Result in inadequate parking capacity?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |



Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** No on-site or off-site parking is required or proposed. The proposed project is the realignment of approximately 0.14 mile of Emery Road to eliminate a dangerous curve. Thus, parking will not result in an insufficient capacity on-site or off-site. No project related impacts would occur.

- g) Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The proposed project is the realignment of approximately 0.14 mile of Emery Road to eliminate a dangerous curve. The project does not propose any hazards or barriers for pedestrians or bicyclists. No project related impacts would occur.

**XVI. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS** -- Would the project:

- a) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The proposed project does not involve any uses that will discharge any wastewater to sanitary sewer or on-site wastewater systems (septic). Therefore, the project will not exceed any wastewater treatment requirements. No project related impacts would occur.

- b) Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The proposed project is the realignment of approximately 0.14 mile of Emery Road to eliminate a dangerous curve. The proposed project does not include new or expanded water or wastewater treatment facilities. In addition, the project does not require the construction or expansion of water or wastewater treatment facilities. No project related impacts would occur.

- c) Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input type="checkbox"/> No Impact                    |

Discussion/Explanation:

**Less Than Significant Impact:**

The proposed project is the realignment of approximately 0.14 mile of Emery Road to eliminate a dangerous curve. A portion of the project involves replacement two corrugated metal pipe culverts (18" and 36") with reinforce concrete pipe culverts (24" and 36"). However, the culverts are being replaced in order to properly convey *existing* storm flow through the area. However, as outlined in this Environmental Analysis Form Section I-XVII, the replacement facilities will not result in adverse physical effect on the environment. Therefore, project impacts will be less than significant.

- d) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The proposed project does not involve or require water services from a water district. The proposed project is the realignment of approximately 0.14 mile of Emery Road to eliminate a dangerous curve and does rely on water service for any purpose. No project related impacts would occur.

- e) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider, which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The proposed project is the realignment of approximately 0.14 mile of Emery Road to eliminate a dangerous curve and will not produce any wastewater; therefore, the project will not interfere with any wastewater treatment providers service capacity. No project related impacts would occur.

- f) Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The proposed project is the realignment of approximately 0.14 mile of Emery Road to eliminate a dangerous curve and will not generate any solid waste nor place any burden on the existing permitted capacity of any landfill or transfer station within San Diego County. No project related impacts would occur.

- g) Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Less than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Impact         |

Discussion/Explanation:

**No Impact:** The proposed project is the realignment of approximately 0.14 mile of Emery Road to eliminate a dangerous curve and will not generate any solid waste nor place any burden on the existing permitted capacity of any landfill or transfer station within San Diego County. Therefore, compliance with any Federal, State, or local statutes or regulation related to solid waste is not applicable to this project. No project related impacts would occur.

**XVII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE:**

- a) Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a

plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input type="checkbox"/> No Impact                    |

Discussion/Explanation:

Per the instructions for evaluating environmental impacts in this Initial Study, the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory were considered in the response to each question in sections IV and V of this form. In addition to project specific impacts, this evaluation considered the projects potential for significant cumulative effects. Resources that have been evaluated as significant would be potentially impacted by the project, particularly impacts to cultural resources as well as sensitive vegetation communities and plant species. However, mitigation has been included that clearly reduces these effects to a level below significance. This mitigation includes preservation of sensitive habitats within the County's Rancho San Diego Mitigation Bank and curation of a representative sample of cultural artifacts found within the project impact area. As a result of this evaluation, there is no substantial evidence that, after mitigation, significant effects associated with this project would result. Therefore, this project has been determined not to meet this Mandatory Finding of Significance.

- b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input type="checkbox"/> No Impact                               |

Discussion/Explanation:

The following list of past, present and future projects were considered and evaluated as a part of this Initial Study:

PROJECT NAME	PERMIT/MAP NUMBER
Tecate Water District Use Permit	MUP 88-080
Cell tower permit	ZAP 00-078
Cell tower permit	ZAP 00-079w <sup>1</sup> -w <sup>4</sup>

Per the instructions for evaluating environmental impacts in this Initial Study, the potential for adverse cumulative effects were considered in the response to each question in sections I through XVI of this form. In addition to project specific impacts, this evaluation considered the projects potential for incremental effects that are cumulatively considerable. As a result of this evaluation, there is no substantial evidence that there are cumulative effects associated with this project. Therefore, this project has been determined not to meet this Mandatory Finding of Significance.

c) Does the project have environmental effects, which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Potentially Significant Impact                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant Impact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated | <input type="checkbox"/> No Impact                               |

Discussion/Explanation:

In the evaluation of environmental impacts in this Initial Study, the potential for adverse direct or indirect impacts to human beings were considered in the response to certain questions in sections I. Aesthetics, III. Air Quality, VI. Geology and Soils, VII. Hazards and Hazardous Materials, VIII Hydrology and Water Quality XI. Noise, XII. Population and Housing, and XV. Transportation and Traffic. As a result of this evaluation, there is no substantial evidence that there are adverse effects on human beings associated with this project. Therefore, this project has been determined not to meet this Mandatory Finding of Significance.

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